

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Packaging (1) for protecting and locating a circular contour object such as an eyeglass lens (18), the packaging including:

a bottom panel (2);

two box-sections (3), each including an external lateral panel (10) and an internal lateral panel (13), the internal lateral panel (13) including an opening (15) for at least partial insertion of the object, each box-section (3) being attached by an articulation (14) to the bottom panel (2) along a respective one of a first two opposite edges (7), each box-section (3) being configured to assume i) a first folded down position in which the external lateral panel (10) is in line with the bottom panel (2), and ii) a first raised position in which the external lateral panel (10) upstands relative to the bottom panel (2);

two flaps (4, 5) each attached by an articulation (29, 30) to the bottom panel (2) along a respective one of a second two opposite edges (27, 28) adjacent to the box-sections (3), each flap (4, 5) being configured to assume a second folded down position in which the flap is in line with

the bottom panel (2), and a second raised position in which the flap (4, 5) upstands relative to the bottom panel (2) against longitudinal ends of the box-sections (3); and

means for maintaining the box-sections (3) in the first raised position and the flaps (4, 5) in the second raised position,

wherein, for each box-section (3), said external lateral panel (10) has a first end of said external lateral panel connected by an articulation (14) to the bottom panel (2), and a second end of said external lateral panel connected by an articulation (9) to a first end of an intermediate panel (11),

wherein the intermediate panel (11) also includes a second end connected by an articulation (12) to a first end of said internal lateral panel (13),

wherein the internal lateral panel (13) also includes a second end connected by an articulation (52) to the bottom panel (2) along and adjoining the articulation (14) between the first end of the external lateral panel (10) and the bottom panel (2), and

wherein at least two locating tongues (20, 21) are disposed in the opening (15) and attached to the internal lateral panel (13) only by an end opposite the bottom panel (2), said locating tongues being juxtaposed to each other.

2. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein the bottom panel (2), the two box-sections (3), the two flaps (4, 5), and the means for maintaining the box-sections (3) are made in one piece.

3. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein the bottom panel (2) is square.

4. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein four locating tongues (20, 21) are disposed in each opening (15) in the internal lateral panels (13), each locating tongue (20, 21) being independent of the others and attached to the bottom panel (2) at one end.

5. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein the locating tongues (20, 21) each include at least one transverse scoring line (25) over a length of the tongue.

6. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein each box-section (3) is formed in one piece with the bottom panel (2) by a rectangular panel connected by a first scoring line (14) to the one of the first two opposite edges (7) of the bottom panel (2), said rectangular panel including a second scoring line (9) delimiting the external

lateral panel (10), a third scoring line (12) delimiting the intermediate panel (11), a fourth scoring line (52) delimiting the internal lateral panel (13), and said rectangular panel extending beyond the fourth scoring line (52) by way of a fixing flap (53) fastened to the bottom panel (2) such that the fourth scoring line (52) is juxtaposed to the first scoring line (14).

7. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 6, wherein the fixing flap (53) is glued to the bottom panel (2).

8. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate panel (11) includes a longitudinal scoring line (54).

9. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein a width of the external lateral panel (10) is substantially equal to a width of the internal lateral panel (13).

10. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 8, wherein the width of the external lateral panel (10) is substantially equal to the width of the internal lateral panel (13), and said longitudinal scoring line (54) is

disposed substantially along a longitudinal median line of the intermediate panel (11).

11. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein the means for holding the box-sections (3) in the first raised position and the flaps (4, 5) in the second raised position include i) means (32) associated with the flaps (4, 5) and with the box-sections (3) to hold the box-sections (3) in the first raised position when the flaps (4, 5) are in the second raised position, and ii) means (6, 43, 46) for holding the flaps (4, 5) facing each other against the box-sections (3).

12. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein the means for holding the box-sections (3) in the first raised position and the flaps (4, 5) in the second raised position include a closure panel (6) articulated to a free edge of a first of the two flaps (5),

the closure panel (6) including attachment means (39, 46) configured to attach to the box-sections (3) and to a second of the two flaps (4) such that the closure panel (6) assumes a closure position,

wherein the closure panel (6), in the closure position, is parallel to the bottom panel (2) and positioned against i) the box-sections (3) and ii) a free edge of the

second flap (4) when the box-sections (3) are in the first raised position and the flaps (4, 5) are in the second raised position.

13. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 12, wherein the closure panel (6) includes, beyond a scoring line (44) and starting from an end of the closure panel (6) opposite the first flap (5) to which the closure panel (6) is articulated, a fold-down panel (43) configured to be superposed on the second flap (4) when the closure panel (6) is in the closure position.

14. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 12, wherein said attachment means is comprised of attachment tongues (39, 46) projecting from edges of the closure panel (6), the box-sections (3) and the second flap (4) including notches (42, 48) configured to cooperate with the attachment tongues (39, 46).

15. (previously presented) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein the flaps (4, 5) are each attached to the longitudinal ends of the box-sections (3) by two gussets (32).

16. (currently amended) Sheet material packaging blank (34), comprising:

a bottom panel (2);

two external lateral panels (10), each external lateral panel connected by a respective one of first scoring lines (14) to a respective one of a first two opposite edges (7) of the bottom panel (2);

two flaps (4, 5), each flap connected by a respective one of second scoring lines (29, 30) to a respective one of a second two opposite edges (27, 28) of the bottom panel (2);

two intermediate panels (11), each intermediate panel connected by a respective one of a third scoring lines (9) to a respective one of the first two opposite edges of the bottom panel (2) of the two external lateral panels (10);

two internal lateral panels (13), each internal lateral panel connected by a respective one of a fourth scoring lines (12) to a respective one of said intermediate panels (11) at an edge of the intermediate panel opposite the external lateral panel (10),

each internal lateral panel (13) being extended, in a direction away from the intermediate panel (11), by a fixing flap (53),

the internal lateral panels (13) further including a cut-out (15) delimiting at least two tongues (20, 21)

juxtaposed to each other and attached to the rest of the panel (13) only by a first end (22) of each tongue (20, 21) opposite the bottom panel (2); and

a closure panel (6), with dimensions substantially equal to dimensions of the bottom panel (2) and connected by a scoring line (38) to an edge of a first of the two flaps (5) opposite the bottom panel (2).

17. (previously presented) Packaging blank according to claim 16, wherein the closure panel (6) further includes a fold-down panel (43) connected by a scoring line (44) to an edge (45) opposite the first flap (5).

18. (previously presented) Packaging blank according to claim 16, further including attachment tongues (39, 49) connected by fifth scoring lines (41, 47) to free edges of the closure panel (6).

19. (previously presented) Packaging blank according to claim 16, wherein a width of the external lateral panel (10) and a width of the internal lateral panel (13) are substantially equal.

20. (previously presented) Packaging blank according to claim 16, wherein ends of the external lateral

panels (10) adjacent the bottom panel (2), and ends of the flaps (4, 5) adjacent the bottom panel (2), are connected in pairs by a gusset (32).

21. (previously presented) Packaging blank according to claim 16, wherein widths of each of the flaps (4, 5) and widths of each of the external lateral panels (10) are substantially equal.

22. (previously presented) A method of packaging and positioning a circular contour object (18), comprising the steps of:

using the packaging (1) according to claim 1; and
selecting a combination of packaging and an object to be packaged such that the bottom panel (2) of the packaging (1) is a square,
wherein a side length of the square is substantially equal to a diameter of the object (18).